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## Passing on Traits – Help Me Find My Puppies



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## **All Dogs Allowed!**

Dogs are good pets. They are good workers. They live in homes, on farms, and near hunting camps. How many kinds of dogs do you know?

Very long ago there were only wolves. Wolves are faithful and smart. Wild wolves care for their pack. About twelve thousand years ago, people brought orphaned wolf cubs home. They raised them with love. People kept the best wolves as pets. Over time wolves changed. They thought humans were their pack.

Some cubs were better for hunting. Those dogs were kept together. Over time, they became better hunting partners. Some cubs were better for herding. They were raised by farmers. Over time, they became farm dogs.

Dogs were bred for different jobs. Breeding means keeping animals with the



same traits together. When a mother and father both have the same traits, the babies usually have those traits. Today there are hundreds of breeds of dogs.

But sometimes dogs still act a little like wolves. They like to hunt and be with their families. They like to sleep near others in warm, small places like dens.